Godly meditacions verye necessarie to bee sayde of all Christen men.

Watche and praye leste ye fall into temptacion.

Before thou prayest forgeue, yf thou haste any thyng against any man, and remembre that thou comeste not to God with a double hearte but lifte vp thy hãdes without wrath or doubtynge.

O Almightie and most mercyful father, I thy poore creature and worke of thy handes, do knowledge & confesse vnto thee my manifolde synnes and wyckednes,

which I from my youth
vp vnto thys tyme haue
greuously committed a-
gainst thee in thoughte,
worde, and dede, and am
nowe hartely sorry for the
same, desiring the for the
death and bloudshedding
of Jesus Christe to haue
mercy vpon me and for-
geue me al those mine of-
fences accordynge to thy
greate mercye & promise,
which thou hast made to
mee,

me and al men, in Chriſt Jeſus oure Lord.

O lord I knowledge & confeſſe vnto thee, that in my fleſh dweleth no good thing, and that of my ſelf I am not able to do that thou requireſt of mee to be doē. Therfore O lord I call vnto the for grace alwayes to preuente my will to al goodneſſe, aſſiſtance of the ſpirit in the ſame ſtrength and hableneſ

nes to perform it: O lord make me poore in spirit, vile & low in mine owne sight, that I lifte not vp my hearte aboue my brethren, but that I maye esteme my selfe to be as a seruaunt to al men for to do the good: O lord geue mee grace, that whensoeuer I be ouertaken with any kind of synne & wickednes, either in thought woord or dede: or that I

feele mine owne infirmi-
tie or weaknes, I maye
immediatlye with hartye
repentaunce retourne to
the againe. Oh lord take
from mee all pryde and
vaine glory all hautenes
of mind and presumpcy-
on all selfe loue, and selfe
trust, that I stand not to
hyghe in mine owne con-
ceypt: but that I may be
willing to learn of euery
man, rather the to teache.

O lord take fro me that wicked spirite of suspicō & enui: alrash indgmētes euill ielousye and vayne surmisings, murmuring & grudging, whisperīg, or backbytig, of any mā.

O lord take from me al wrath: malice, and hastyneſſe, al respect of persōs in the kaythe, & all lyting, euil wordes, contencion, all flatterynig, dissimulacion, superstician, Idolatry

trie, & ypocrisie, al lightenesse and ydle wordes & all vnstablenesse of hert.

O lord kepe me from al erronio⁹ doctryne, & false interpretacions of scripture. O lord take fro me al vnbeleke, blindnesse of minde, hardnesse of hart, contempt of thy woorde and commaundemente.:

Oh clense my heart frō all filthinesse, both of the flesshe and the spirite, frō all

all vncleane thoughtes, and vnlawfull desyres, euyll concupiscence and lust of the body O good lorde. Take fro mee also couetousnesse, all deceipt and gile in my vocation, all idelnes and slouthe, & geue mee not ouer vnto an vnshamefast and obstinate minde: Oh lorde make mee worthy to suffre imprisonment, losse of goodes, wife, childrē yea, & myne owne life for thy

word & names sake, & to reioice in it, & glorifie thee for it. O lord make me & able & cõtented to beare al occasions with pacience, whẽ they be offered or geuen mee, & not to recompẽce euil for euill, neither to swel nor to murmure, nor to be solemne, nor angry. O good lorde make me very loth and slow to geue occasions of euil to any man, & if I chaũce to

geue

geue any, make mee wil-
lyng to knowledg & con-
fesse my faultes, and to a
mend it: good lord graũt
me grace that I may bee
willing and free to geue,
loth to take and receyue,
because it is more blessed
to geue then to receaue.

O my lord graunt that I
neuer enui ani good mãs
loue, or womens, because
they eyther do loue god &
his people, more then I

or els that they bee belo-
ued of any more then I-
O lord make me to re-
ioyce in other mēs giftes
and not to enuye them,
beecause they bee better
then mine, but rather to
geue thākes to god with
my hearte desirynge that
they maye bee increased
in them and in me.
Oh lorde take fro me a
careful heart in al world
ly thinges. And graunte
that

that neyther pouertie oppresse me neither richesse lift me vp, but ỹ in prosperytie I may geue thee thankes and in aduersitie to be pacient.

O lord make me merie in thee without lyghtnes sad without mistrust, sober without dulnes, true without desperaciō, trustynge in thee without presumptyon.

Oh lordgeue me humilitie

tie & a lowli mind, simplicitie, mekenes, gentilnes, goodnes, faythefulnes, and truthe.

O geue ince also tender mercy, louyng kindenes long suffering and pacience to beare all thinges wel that thou shalt suffer to be laide vpon me.

Oh lozd encrease my faith in the & in my redemer.

Oh lozde encrease and make perfecte my hope in thy promyse, as con-

cerning my saluacion.

Oh lorde encreasle my loue in the and in my iustifyer. O lord encreasle in me a true and vnfayned loue to the, and to all vertue and godlinesse, & to al the elect and chosen people, wheresoeuer they be dispersed in al ỹ world

Oh lord encreasle in me strength and victorye, against all temptations, & assaultes of the flesh, the world

worlde and the deuil, that I be not caried away w̄ the errour of the wicked.

Oh lorde, geue me grace to kepe a good conscięce, geue me a pure hearte, a pure mynd, and a ryghte spirite renew within me.

Oh lorde geue me true repentaunce, and thy holy spirit, and the true vnderstanding of the holye worde, and that my whole felicitie maye bee in the

same word, in hearing, in
readinge, in talkynge in
watchinge, prayinge, & fa-
stynge, in mortifying, and
subduing mine owne wil
and membres.

Oh lorde geue mee the
true iudgmēt of spirites,
that I be neyther decey-
ued by loue nor by hate.

Oh gracious lord geue
me a stedfast and perfect
remembraunce of thy ho
ly word, that I maye ex-
ercise

ercise my selfe in it daye and nyghte.

O lorde haue mercy on my wife & chyldren which thou hast geuen me, and increase thy feare in oure heartes, that we may truly loue the, and one of vs an other in thee: so that we maie be pure in soule & body, and to bringe vp our children in vertue & informacion of the lord. O merciful god geue me

soberneſſe, pacyence, and chaſtitie. Oh lorde plant and sowe in my heart all vertues that bee neceſſary and required in a chriſtian man, namely wyſedome, diſcretyon temperaunce, ſtrength, & boldnes and geue me grace so to vſe them and all other giftes, whiche I haue receyued at thy mercyfull hand, as may be moſt to thy glory and profit, and

to

to my consolacion & com
fort and to the prayse of
my brethren. For I dooe
not require these petcy-
ons. Oh lord of thee, tru
sting in mine owne right
ousnes, no but onli in thy
great mercies: Oh lorde
heare me. Oh forgeue me
lord: Oh lord cõsider me
tarye not ouer longe, but
for thyne owne sake do it
Oh my god. for the citie
and people which is cal-
led

led after thy name.

¶ Geue al prayse to god who alone is worthy.

¶ Remēbre that ye pray for the kig̃ the quenes maiesties grace the counsel, & al that be in auctoritie, or office, the congregacion of God dispersed throughoute all the worlde. R. C.

MOst blessed lorde Jesu graunt me thy grace, ꝑ it may be alway with me & work with me: and perseuer with me vnto ꝑ end, & that I may euer desyre & will that is most

most pleasaũt, & most ac-
ceptable to the, thy wil be
my will, & my will alway
to folow thy wil, & best a
gre therwith, be there al-
way in me one will, & one
desyre with thee, and that
I haue no power to wil,
or not to wil, but as tho u
wilt, or wilt not: & graũt
me that I may die to all
thinges ye be in thy world
and for the: to loue to be
dispysed, & to be as a mã
vn-

vnknowne in this world graunt me also aboue al that can bee desyred, that I maye reste me in thee, and fulli in thee to pacifie my hart for thou lord art the veri true peace of heart, and the perfect rest bothe of body and soule: & without the al thinges be greuous & vnquyete: Wherefore in that peace that is in the one hyghe, one blessed, and one endelesse

lesse goodnes shall I al=
wayes rest me. So be it:
good lord let it bee so.

O Lord God for thy
great mercye sake,
graunte me all these my
petitions, and graũt mee
that I may aske them in
such sorte as thou requi=
rest, to the honor, glory, &
prayse of thy holy name,
to the profit of thy word
and people and to my cõ=
solaciõ & cõfort through

Jesus

Jesus Christ, to whō be al honour & glory world without ende. Amen.

O Lorde thou greate and terrible God, thou ỹ kepest couenaunt and mercye with thē that loue the, and do thy commaundementes, let thine eares mark, and let thine eies be opened that thou mayst heare the prayers of thy seruaunt which I make before thee at thys tyme,

time, & haue mercy vpon mee thy poore creature & worke of thy hãdes, for I haue sinned & done wickedly, and haue offended thy maiestie greuously, in that I haue gon back and departed from al thy precepts and iugmentes & haue not folowed thy seruauntes the prophets that spake vnto mee in in thy name, but haue frõ daye to daye prouoked

thy

thy iuſt wrath & indigna
cyon agaynſte me.

O Lord I knowledge
& confeſſe my manifolde
ſynnes and wickednes ỹ
which I haue vnryghte-
ouſly committed againſt
the in thought word and
deede, fro my youthe vp,
vntyll thys daye, for the
whiche I am hertely ſo-
ry, and do vnfaynedly re
pẽt, purpoſyng euermore
throughe the aſſiſtaunce
of

of thy grace, to walke in a newe lyfe.

O lorde remembre not the numbre of my misededes, but accordyng vnto thy greate mercyes, thinke vpon me O lorde for thy goodnes.

O Lorde for Chrystes sake cal to remembraũce thy louing kindnesse and thy tender merci ꝙ which hath been euer of olde.

O lorde hide not thou

thy

thy face fro me, noz caſte not of thy ſeruaunte in thy diſpleaſure, foz I con feſſe my ſynnes vnto the, and hyde not myne vn= ryghteouſnes.

O lozd foz thy mercies ſake, delyuer me from al my ſinnes. and make me not a ſcozne vnto the fo= lyſhe.

O Lozde turne not thou thy mercye fro mee, but let thy louyng kynd=

nes

nes & truth alwayes pre-
serue mee. O lorde helpe
mee for thy name sake, &
deliuer me in thy strēgth.
O lord for Christes sake
heare my praier, and con
syder the woordes of my
mouth, for my misdedes
preuayle agaynste mee.
O be thou mercifull vn-
to my synnes.

O lord let the sorowful
syghyng of thy prysoner
come beefore thee, and
ac-

accordinge to the power of thyne arme preserue those that bee appoynted to dye.

O Lorde comforte the soule of thy seruaunt, for vnto thee doe I lyft vp my soule.

O lorde teache mee to numbre my dayes: that I maye applye my heart vnto wysdome.

O lord satisfy me with thy merci, & that soone, so

shal

shall I reioyce & be glad all the dayes of my lyfe.

O lord loke not extremli what is done amisse in me, for I haue sinned agaynst heauē, and before thee, & am no more worthy to be called thy sonne yet Lorde of thy greate goodnes powre doowne some of thy crōmes that fall from thy childrenes table, & make me as one of the least of them.

O lord rewarde me not accordinge to my deser-uynge, for then I muste nedes perish, for vnto me perteineth nothing but o pen shame, confusyon, and dãpnacion: but with thee there is mercye for-geuenes and saluacyon.

O lorde therefore do I come vnto thee, not hoping in myne owne right-teoulnes but trustynge onely in thy greate mer-

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cies and promises, made vnto me in Christe Iesu my Lord, for whose sake I beesech thee to clense me frō all my sinnes, & do away al mine iniquities.

O lorde for thy tender mercye sake laye not my synnes to my charge, but geue me grace to a mend my lyfe, and walke in a pure conuersacion, to decline from synne, and encline to vertue ꝑ I maye

therby walke in a perfect heart, a cleane conscience, and single eye before the, this day and euermore.

O Lord remembre not mine offences nor the offences of my forefathers neyther take thou vengaunce of my sinnes, spare me good Lord, spare me, whom thou hast redemed with thy moste precyous bloud, and be not angrie with me for euer, spare

me

me good lord, spare me.

O lord put me not frō thy presence, but inclyne thyne eare vnto my callyng. O lord strengthen thy seruaunt, and healpe the son of thy hādmaydē,

O lorde replenisshe my heart with grace wisdom and vnderstanding.

O Lorde embrace my soule with thy promises, and let thy mercies couer myne infyrmities.

O Lorde for Christes deathe and bloude sheading, consider mine infirmityes which are manie, and helpe & beare myne imperfectyon, and delyuer me from al kindes of euylles, that I dooe not obey vnto them: as from adulterye, fornicacyon, vncleannesse, wantõnes, ydolatrie, good Lord delyuer me. From witchecraft, lying, hatred, variaunce,

aunce, zeale, wrath, strike, sedicion good lorde deliuer me. From sectes, enuying, whisperyng, backbytyng, bryngyng vp of euyll thynges, good lord delyuer me. From murder, dronkennes, gloutto ny, and from that spirite of euil telousy, good lord delyuer mee. From enuynge of other whyche loue thee and thy people more then I, or bee beeloued

loued of the or of thy people more then I, & from swelling at other mẽnes giftes, good lord deliuer me. Frõ surmising, murmuring, lowring, grudging, muttrig, whẽ words be not spoked to my mid, good Lord for thy great mercies sake deliuer me, that I do at no tyme enuie any good manne or womãs loue, but labour to encrease it, that theyre

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prosperitie in worde, and prayse of other maye bee my cõsolaciõ & reioising.

O lord graunt me that I may bee lowe in myne owne sight, to put doune my selfe to beare occasyons, to wrestle with flesh & bloud, & get the victori.

O lord graunt me this gift, that I may be swift to heare, slow to speake & slowe to wrathe, that my hearte do not go after no wic-

wicked and euill imagi-
nacions. O lord geue me
grace to walke so, that I
geue none euil occasiõs,
to auoyde all suspicious
chynges, wherby euill oc-
casions maye growe.
O lord assist me with thy
spirite, that I maye la-
boure to maintayne peace
to increase loue & to fur-
ther vertue.
O merciful father, graũt
that I maye prosper in
all

all vertue, in longe ſuffe=
ring, gentilnes, goodnes,
faithefulnes, mekenelle,
temperaunce, ſtrength, &
pacięce, with al ſuch like
vertues as ar cõmaũded
me to walke in thy holye
law. O lord geue me ioie
in thy holy ghoſt, that I
may reioyce in thy holye
ſcriptures, ẏ̄ al my whole
pleaſure, ioye, felycitye,
and conſolacyon, may be
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in thy holy word night & day, in reading, musyng, & talking of the same to thy glory, & my edifying. O lord assist thy seruaũt against this world, with ỹ vayne pompe, pleasure and beutie therof, that it may be vnto me as vyle dust, slime filthines, and ashes, that I maie haue this world as though I had it not, & that it maye serue mee, & I not it, that

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I maye take my parte therof with thankes geuyng vnto my necessitie, that I do not vse thy creatures voluptuously, but that I maye at all times lyue ryghteously, soberly and godly in thys lyfe.

O lord geue me grace, to walke with a good cō science bothe beefore thee and towardes al men, in byying and sellyng and in all other my doynges to

cast

cast away all lying, craft and disceit, that I be not a reader of thy holy word and a talker onelye, but that it maye appeare also in my like and conuersacyon.

O lord graunt vnto thy seruaunt the strength of thy holy spirit to subdue thys my bodye of synne, with the hole lusles ther of, that it may bee made obedyente, bothe in will, mynd

myd, and members to do thy will, that it maye bee weake, vyle, symple, and of no reputacion in hys owne sight, by the way of fastyng, prayer, & obedience with a sure faithe in thy promyses made in thy sonne Christe Jesu my Lorde, that I maye bee lowlye hearted, humble minded, gentyl spyryted, and to all vertues obedyente.

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O lord graunt vnto thy seruaunt the strength of thy holy spirit to subdue thys my bodye of synne, with the hole lustes ther of, that it may bee made obedyente, bothe in will, mynd

myd, and members to do thy will, that it maye bee weake, vyle, symple, and of no reputacion in hys owne sight, by the way of fasteng, prayer, & obediẽce with a sure faithe in thy promyses made in thy sonne Chryste Jesu my Lorde, that I maye bee lowlye hearted, humble minded, gentyl spyryted, and to all vertues obedyente.

O lorde geue me grace to bridle my mouthe frō al vayne and lyght communicatiō, and geue me an vnderstandyng heart with a discrete mouthe, that neither filthines nor folysh talking, nor iestig whiche are not comelye, procede out of my mouth but rather geuing of thākes. O lord my sauiour, encrease my fayth to the and in thy christ, & strōg

faith

faythe to beleue thy pro-
miles. O lord my redee-
mer, encreale my loue to
dooe thy will, and to thy
righteous people.

O lord my iuſtifyer en
creale in mee a ſure hope
of my ſaluacion, without
doubt or wauering in ad-
uerſitie, & without pryde
or preſumpcio, in proſpe-
titie, ſo that in aduerſitie
I maye bee pacient, and
geue the thankes in pro-

speritie, & serue thee with reuerence & godlye feare all the dayes of my lyfe.

O lord encrease in mee all other vertues consonaunt and agreable to a godly lyfe, for I com vn to thee O Lord, as vnto the well and euerlastyng fountayne of all healthe and saluacyon.

O heauenlye father lette mee and all other where soeuer they bee dispersed throughe

throughoute the whole worlde, lyue in thy sight, which seke thy holy word to ỹ entent to forsake sin & all worldly liuing, & to leade a godly conuersacion innocently before the.

O lorde defend thy seruaunte from all errour, and false opinions, that I be not deceiued and caryed awaye in errour e of the wycked, but that I may growe in grace and

knoweledge of our lorde & sauiour Jesus Christ.

O lord geue me a pure iudgement & a reuerente in thy holy woord, that I maye thereby auoyde all vayne affeccions & rash iudgementes.

O lorde geue me wyledome, knowledg & vnderstãding to perceiue those false lyinge, flatterynge spirites, whiche dooe deceaue the heartes of inno

centes,

centes, & begyle vnstable soules.

O lord make me to bee contente with this womā which thou hast geuē me to be my wyfe, and let her loue alwaies satisfie me. O lord geue her an hart of vnderstāding, and set thy feare alwayes before her eyes, that she may be obedient in word, dede & thought to al ẏ is thy wil O. lord gene vs ẏ power

Let wo[illegible] sai[illegible] ma[illegible] both the p[illegible] cyon

of thy holy spirit, to rule, gouerne, and bryng vp these our chyldrē, and family in all godly feare & knoweledge of thy holye worde, and that we maye be theyr shewtoken, in al godlines and vertue to the prayse of thy holye name.

O lorde saue my soule whether it be thorow prosperytye or aduersytye, losse or gayne, sycknesse

or health, lyfe or death.

O lord, ayde, strengthe, succoure and defende thy seruaunt in all aduersy-tye, tribulacion, and tẽp-tacion, and suffre not thy seruaunt to be tempted a boue hys strengthe.

O lord encrease my ioie that I may reioice in per secucyon and embrace it to my consolacion and coumefoite, and thynke my seelfe happye and

blessed, when I am counted worthye to suffer reebuke for thy name sake. O lord take fro my hart the care of all worldelye thinges only sette before my eyes ỹ ioye of thy holy crosse, that I may ioie therin, & despise ỹ shame for the great reward that is laide vp in heauen for christes sake, for al those that with pacience suffer in aduersitie, & continue

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in wel doing vnto ẏ end.
O lorde laye not pre-
sumptiõ to thyseruaũtes
charge, nor looke not vp-
on my vilenes, for I am
but duste earthe & ashes,
yet Lorde I haue taken
vpon mee, and am bolde
to com vnto the through
the merytes of Chrystes
deathe and bloude shed-
dyng, to laye my prayers
beefore thee, requyrynge
mercy, patdon, and for-
geue-

geuenes of al my sinnes, and also the assistaunce of thy grace to dooe thy wyll all the dayes of my lyfe, and to obtayne all these my peticiõs through Jesus Chryste thy deare sonne and my onlye Sauyoure, to whom be al honour and glozy nowe and euer Amen.

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☞By me John Ledley.

A godly prayer for all Christen men.

O Almyghtye and euerlyuyng God of all thinges, before whose eyes al thinges lyeth naked and bare, haue a respecte vnto mee (O thou God of my lyfe & shewe me the lighte of thy mercyes. Let my prayers ascēd vp before thy presēce & be accepted in thy sight for Jesus Christes sake.

Geue

Geue mee leede vnto my
hearte (Oh lord) & buyld
my vnderstandyng that
I may dwell in the feare
of thy hand al the dayes
of my lyfe, that I maye
know the, thou only true
god, & Iesus Christ, whō
thou hast sent For I com
vnto the (Oh Lord) thou
louer of soules, not hoa-
pyng in myne owne righ
teousnesse, but trustinge
onely vppon the multy-
tude

tude of thy great mercies
whiche thou haste layde
forth before the eies of al
people, offering ſaluacio
to the whole worlde, and
haſt promiſed, that who-
ſoeuer he be of the whole
generacion of man, that
wyll obey to thy grace, re
pent, and tourne vnfay-
nedly from theyr ſynnes
that they ſhould haue fre
remiſſyon and forgeue-
nes throughe Jeſu chriſt
our

oure lord whiche is oure
onelye aduocate & medi-
atour, in whom oure sal-
uatyon lyeth, of whome
thou hast sayde: Thys is
my deare sonne, in whom
I am well pleased & wel
pacyfyed. For thys thy
sonnes sake, by whom I
am bolde to come vnto
thee, whyche appeareth
now in thy sight, making
contynuall intercessyon
for vs, haue mercy vppõ
me

me(O thou mighty god) and forgeue mee all my synnes which I haue vnryghteoullye committied againste thee in thought word, or dede. Oh let me fele thy mercies towards me, for I do confesse my sinnes vnto the(Oh lord) & hide not myne vnrighteoulnes: I do acknowledg myne offences, and accuse my selfe before the Lord of all my misdedes

helpe

helpe me O god my saut
our for the glorye of thy
name. O delyuer & for-
geue me my sinnes for ỹ
glory of thy names sake.
Remember not the offen-
ces of my youthe, O lord
but thynk vppõ thy great
mercyes and couenaunt,
made vnto me in Chryst
Jesu. O most mercyfull
father, consyder myne in-
firmities, whych are ma-
ny and greate, and beare
myne

myne imperfectiō for thy
ſonne my ſauiour Jeſus
Chryſtes ſake which had
good experience of infyr-
mityes, that he myght be
merciful to all them that
are tempted. O Lord cō-
ſider how the enemie hath
gotten an open way into
my fleſhe wherin I con-
feſſe that there dwelleth
nothing but ſinne, wretch
edneſſe and miſerie.
Therefore I come vnto

the O Lord my God, de-
syrying thee for Christes
sake to renewe in mee a
right spirite, that I may
receyue strength and ha-
blenes to do thy wil, and
to stande agaynst all the
craftie assaultes of ỹ de-
uyll, that they maye haue
no place in mee, but that
the olde manne, which I
beare aboute in my body
may be crucifyed, & day-
ly dye in me, that ỹ lustes
of

of synne may vtterly bee destroyed, ỹ I may euermoze be renewed in ỹ spirit of my mynd, ỹ the like of christ may alwaies appeare in mee. Good lozde deliuer me frõ all kindes of euil, as foznication, couetousnes, malicyousnes enuy, murder, debate deceyte: good lozde deliuer me frõ whisperyng, backbytynge, hatynge of thee and from euyll yelousye,

from doyng of wronge, pryde, boastig, frō bring yng vp of euyll thinges: good lord delluer me frō adultri, vaine glory, ipocrisie, wantonnes, ydolatrye, witchecraft, hatred, variaunce, zeale. wrathe, stryfe, sedicion, sectes, enuying dronkennes, glottonye, and suche lyke. Good lord for thy great mercyes sake delyuer me and graunt me grace (O lord)

Lorde) to haue thee all-
wayes before myne eyes,
that I maye also haue a
respecte vnto thy iudge-
mentes, that whatsoeuer
I thinke, saye, or do, may
bee agreable to thy holye
worde, that I be not min-
deed as the vngodlye or
wycked men are. Let me
haue no pleasure in suche
thynges as please them:
make mee lowe in myne
owne syghte (O Lorde)

that the foote of pryde ouertake me not. Let not the hand of the vngodly cast me downe, but bowe my hearte alwayes vnto thee, that I maye serue thee without feare all the dayes of my lyfe in such holynes & righteousnes, as is acceptable beefore thee. Remoue from mee vainetyes and lyes, take fro mee the lustes of the body. Let not the desires

of vnclennes take holde
vppon me, & geue me not
ouer vnto an vnshame-
fast and obstinate mind:
but holde me alwaies vn-
der thy nourture and cor
rection. Of thy fatherlye
mercye leaue mee not to
my self, but stād thou al-
wayes by mee, for I am
to weake of myne owne
power to doo any thynge
ȳt is good, but my right-
oulnesse & strength lyeth
onely

onelye in thee. Therefore (Oh Lorde) I come vnto thee, requyring mercye in thy syghte, and the assistaũce of thy grace, that I maye be strengthened with myght in ỹ inward man, and be armed with thy holy armoure, which is the brest plate of right ousnes, the shyld of faith the hope of saluacion for an helmet, and the sword of the spyryte whyche is

thy

thy holye woorde, that I may stande perfecte in al that is thy wyll, and bee founde woorthy (through christ) to receaue a croune of lyfe, whyche thou hast promysed to al them that loue thee in purenesse of mynde. O Lorde, plante in me tru obediẽce to thy holye lawe that the cares of thys woorlde choke not thy woord in me. Kepe me also from the deceitful-

nes of ryches, and al vn-
cleanly delyres, that all
vertues maye be planted
in me. Good Lorde geue
me grace to walke before
thee all the dayes of this
my ptlgremag̃ w a good
cõscience and pure mind
that whan thou shalt ap-
peare to reward euery
manne accoꝛding to hys
dedes, I may reioice and
not be made ashamed of
thee at thy commynge.

Encrease my faythe. O lorde my sauioure in the, & in thy Christ. Encrease my loue O my redemer to thee, and to thy righteous people, Encrease a sure hope in me of my saluacion, O my iustifyer. Encrease strength in me to ouercom synne, and to stande agaynste all euill temptacyons, that theye haue no place in me. Encrease in me perfect vnder

standyng and pure iudg
ment in thy word, that I
be not deceaued and ca-
ried awaye in the errour
of ỹ wicked. But graunt
(O Lorde) that I maye
grow in grace, and in the
knowledge of oure Lord
& sauyour Iesus Christ.
Let thy kyngdome come
vnto me, whyche is righ-
teousnes, peace, and ioye
in thy holye ghoste, longe
suffervng, gētilnes, good
nes,

nes faythfulnes, meeke-
nesse, tẽperaunce, strẽgth
& pacyence, with all such
lyke vertues as are pres-
cribed vnto me in thy ho
ly worde, that in prospe-
rous thynges I may geue
thee thankes, and in ad-
uersitie be pacient, that I
be not lyfted vp with the
one nor oppressed with ỹ
other. O let all worldely
thynges be vile vnto me
for thee. Let mee not bee

merie

merye with the ioye that is without thee, & let mee delyre nothyng beſyd the. Make me to lift my hart oftentimes to the. And if I chaunce to fall or ſlip, make me to thynk on the and be ſory with a ſtedefaſte purpoſe of amendement, O Lorde I geue ouer my ſelfe into thy holy handes, delyryng the for Chryſtes ſake, ꝙ I maye remayne vnder thy migh

tye

tye protectiō, and strong defence of thy power, and that thy holi aungel may alwayes pytche his tent rounde aboute mee, and kepe me in all my waies. Good Lorde geue mee the ioyefulnes of hearte and peace of conscyence, contynual gladnes & cō-solacyō in thy word & p-mises ye I may euermore be thakfull vnto thee, &

prayse

prayse thy name, O lord thynke vpon all thy people, whyche are strawed here and there from the farthest partes of ỹ earth whyche be entred into couenaunt with the and ar mynded to walke after thy wil, graunt (Oh lord that we may grow together in loue thorowe the knoweledge of thy holye worde, to kepe the vnitie of the spirite, throughe

the

the bonde of peace, to the vtter confounding of errour, and all false opinions & to kepe vs cleane from ypocrysye and superstycion, and to make vs strong in persecution. We beseche the to heare vs good Lorde.

℟ Geue prayse to God.

J. H.

¶ Another prayer.

O Lord moſt mighty and fearful god, to all them that hate thee, & that folowe theyr owne wayes, & ſeeke not to doe thy wyll, wee thy ſymple creatures, which laboure to do thy wil, O merciful god, do ſee by thy righteouſe iudgemente of thy woorde, thy fearſe wrath and terrible indignacion agaynſte thys realme of England, O lord, for deſ

pitying of thy preachers & messengers, and for treading vnder fote thy most holy word, and now wee see thy wrath is kindled. O lorde, who shalbe hable to quenche it, & we for our partes, O lord, do confesse that we be worthi of al ỹ plagues ỹ thou hast deuised against vs, o most mighty god, yet nieuertheles, wee beseche the moste merciful father vnworthi

to be called thy chyldren,
loke not vpō our deserts,
or worthynes, but vpon
thy fauourable mercye,
whyche thou haddest in
the olde tyme vpon the
chyldrē of Israel, yt they
repented vnto the, o lord
thou diddest preserue thē
and kept them from cap-
tiuitie of all other nacy-
ons, & diddest euer pro-
uyd them a faithfull go-
uerner or ruler. And fur-

thermore most merryfull father although they wer destroyed for theyr wickednesse, & left but a small people, yet neuertheleſſe, whē they tourned vnfatnedly to the, thou O lord euer gauest them the victorye ouer all theyr enemyes, so that they might dwell as brethren togeether, peaceably in theyr owne lande, whiche thou gauest them. Thou arte

the same lord, & thy mer-
cy endureth for ever, and
now O lord we that seke
to do thy will, beyng but
a small people, do beseech
thee of thy great mercye,
for Jesus Christes sake
oure onelye peace maker
to turne awaye thy great
wrath, and terrible indig-
nation, which we haue de-
serued in thys realme of
England, and shewe thy
cõpassion vpon vs good
lord

Lorde, as thou dyddeste
vpon the chyldzen of Is-
raell in the olde tyme,
though not for our sakes
O Lorde whyche haue
deserued thy wrathe, but
for thy moste myghtye
& gloryous names sake,
O lord: for yf thou shoul
deste destroye vs, and
bryng vs to desolacyon,
as we haue deserued, the
shoulde thy moste migh-
tye name, and thy holye

worde be euyll spoken of
through vs in al ỹ world
Wherfore webeseche the
most mercifull father, to
nurture and correcte vs,
not as we haue deserued,
but with thy fauourable
mercye, not in thy furye,
but with thy fatherly py-
tye and deliuer vs not o-
uer into the hãdes of our
enemies, neither take not
thy holy worde from vs,
O Lorde, and here wee
con-

confesse vnto the, O lord all oure wickednesse, the whych are more in numbre then the heares of our heade and they presse vs so doune, O Lorde, that oure heartes almost fayleth vs, & we dare skarsely presume vnto the.
Yet neuertheles, through CHRISTE whyche is our tyghteousnes, and hath pacyfyed thy wrath we are bolde to come vn-

to thee, O lorde vering so-
rye for oure faultes, euen
from our verye heartes,
desyring thee for his death
and passions sake, which
is our onely mediatoure
and redemer: to forgeue
vs all oure synnes: that
euer we haue commytted
eyther in thought, worde
or deede, & now, O lorde,
wee geue ouer our selues
into thy holy hãdes, and
with all oure heartes do

desyre to doe whatsoeuer
thou wouldest haue vs to
do, beseching the, O lord
to assyst vs with ỹ grace
of thy holye spirryte, that
wee heince forth may liue
accordynge to thy moste
goodly and blessed wyll, &
that we may labour and
study to serue the in new
nes of life, & that we may
willingly take vp ỹ crosse
and folow thy steppes, O
lorde Chryst al the dayes
of

of our lyfe. And furthermore, O Lord, we beseech thee to geue vs grace to be thankefull in our conuersacion, and liuing, for all the greate benefites ỹ wee haue receyued at thy hande, so that wee maye enioye them to thy glori, and our comforte. Fyrst, we thanke thee, O Lord of thy great mercye and recreacion. Secondli, we thanke thee, O lord, that

when

when wee were fallen in-
to destruction, throughe
our consenting to the sub
tiltie of the enemye, thou
of thy great mercye dyd-
deste by Jesus Chryste
rayse vs vp againe. And
we thanke thee, O Lord,
that it hathe pleased thee
to suffre thy holye worde
the foode of oure soules,
to haue free passage a-
monge vs, and haste ge-
uen vs a will to seke it, &

ade-

a delyze to beleue it. Fur
thermoze wee thanke the,
O Lozd foz Mary oure
Quene, whych thou hast
geuen vs to be our ruler
& gouernour vnder thee,
whom thou hast delyue-
red vs by thy wysedome
through thy greate pow-
er & myghtye arme, from
the handes of all her ene-
myes, we beseche thee, O
Lozd, to geue her wisdom
from thy holy heauens, &

frō the throne of thy ma-
iestie, ẏ she may rule all ẏ
thou hast made her gouer
nor of, accordinge to thy
most holy & blessed wil, o
lorde & that she maye la-
boure & desire to folowe
al thinges that are writ-
ten in thy holy law, al the
dayes of her lyfe, & that
shee maye throughe thee,
O Lord, be stablished in
her kingdom, & ouercom
all her enemies & oures,
as

as these moste godly and
verteous women. Debo-
ra and Judith dyd, who
by theyr godly conuersa-
cyon with prayer and o-
bedience through thee O
Lord ouercame the enne-
myes of the childrē of Is
rael in the olde tyme.
And that thou wouldest
vouchesafe, O Lorde, to
geue grace and wysdom
to al them that thou hast
appoynted to haue rule
ouer

ouer vs, that they maye obeye to thy will O lord, and exercyse them selues in thy lawes bothe daye and nyghte, with feruent prayer obedyentely, and that they may desyre too execute theyr office, accordyng to thy wyll, O lord and that wee as louynge subiectes maye (not for feare of punyshemente, but for conscyence sake) obeie to oure Quene and

gouernour in al thynges that is agreeable to thy wyll O Lorde, and to all them that are in auctorite ouer vs, and wee beeseche thee, O Lorde for Chrystes sake, that euery one of vs, both hygh and lowe in hys degree, maye walke in oure conuersacyon, heere in Englande, as maie bee to thy glory, O Lord, and to the comforte and edyfying of all

other

other nacions that where as they backebyte vs as euyll dooers, theye maye see oure good wooykes & prayse GOD in the day of vysytacyon.

O Loyde geue peace in oure tyme. Amen.

Haue mercy on the congregacion dispersed ouer all the yearthe.

☞ Geue God the prayse.

A prayer necessary to bee sayde at all tymes.

O Bountifull Jesu, O swete Saviour O Christe the sonne of God, haue pitie vpon me mercifully heare me and despyse not my prayers. Thou hast created me of nothinge, thou hast redemed me frō the bondage of synne, deathe, and hell. neither with gold nor siluer,

uer, but with thy moost
precyous body once offe-
red vppon the crosse, and
thyne owne bloud shede
once for all for my raun-
some, therefore caste mee
not away, whom thou by
thy greate wysdome hast
made, despise me not whō
thou hastie redemed with
such a precious treasure.
Nor lette my wyckednes
destroye that, whyche thy
goodnes hathe buylded.

Nowe whyles I lyue, O Jesu haue mercy on me, for yf I dye oute of thy fauoure, it wyl be to late afterward to call for thy mercye, whyles I haue tyme to repente, looke vpon mee with thy mercyfull eies, as thou diddest vouchesafe to looke vpon Peter thyne Apostle, that I maye bewaile my synfull lyfe and obtayne thy fauour, and dye ther-

in. I reknowledge the yt thou shouldest deale with mee accordynge to verye iustyce, I haue deserued euerlastynge deeathe. Therefore I appeale to thy hyghe throne of mercye, trustynge to obtayne Goddes fauoure, not for my merytes, but for thy merites, o Iesu, who hast geuen thy selfe an acceptable sacrifyce to thy father, to pease hys wrathe,

and

and to bryng all synners
truly repentynge and a-
mendynge theyr euyl life
into his fauour agayne.
Accept mee O Lorde a-
mong the number of thē
that shalbee saued, for-
geue my synnes, geue me
grace to leade a godlye &
innocent lyfe, grauut me
thy heauenlye wysdome,
enspyre my hearte with
fayth, hope, and charitye
geue mee grace to be hū-
ble in

ble in prosperytye, pacy-
ent in aduersytye, obedi-
ent to my rulers, faithe-
full vnto them that trust
me dealing truly with al
menne, to lyue chastelye
in wedlocke, to abhorre
adultry, fornicacion, and
al vncleanes, to do good
after my power vnto all
menne, to hurte no man
that thy name maye bee
glorysyed in me, duryng
thys presente lyfe, & that

I afterwarde maye obtayne euerlastynge lyfe thorowe thy mercye and the merytes of thy passion. Amen.

¶ Another godly prayer.

O Heauenlye father, God almyghty, I pray and beseech thy mercye, beninglye to beholde mee thy vnworthye seruaunte, that I maye by gyfte of thy holy spyrite, fer-

feruently delyre thy kingdom, that I maye knowe thy will, and worke thereafter. Geue me (O Lord) wisedom: Make me constant, patient, and strong in thee. Kepe me lord, frō the sleyghtie intuasion of the olde wily serpent. Defende me from the counsayles and cursynges of euyll tongues: Lette thy mighti arme be my shild against all ỹ malignitie

of

of this wicked worlde.
Remembre not (O Lord) myne offences: instructe, & prepare me to repent, to bee sorye for my synnes. Make me to loue iustice and hate wronge, to doo good, and absteyne from all euels: that I may bee worthye, to bee called thy chylde. To thee bee honour and glory for euer and euer. Amen.

Another prayer.

The lord oure god be with vs, as he hathe benne with oure fathers, and forsake vs not neyther withdraw hys hãd from vs. But be gracyous vnto vs, and thinke vpon his couenaunt that he hath made with Abraham, Isaack and Jacob his faithfull seruauntes: and geue vs all suche an hearte that we may loue and

and serue hym, yea: and
perfourme hys wyll with
an hole heart & of a wil-
lyng minde. He open our
heartes, (Further & fur-
ther) in hys lawes and in
hys commaundementes,
sende vs hys peace, heare
our prayers, be at one w
vs, & neuer forsake vs
in the tyme of trouble.
But to bow ourehearte s
vnto hym, that wee maye
walke in all hys wayes
here

here on earth and to kepe hys commaundementes, ordinaunces, and lawes, whiche hee commaunded our fathers, and that our heartes maye be perfecte to walke with God all ȳ dayes of oure lyues, this graũt for thy dearelõnes sake Jesus Christ our Lorde and onlye sauyoure. A-men.

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